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PURPOSE: Register disagreement with a position  
TOPIC: Environment  
AFFILIATION: Private Citizen  
SUBJECT: Genetic Engineering of Crops

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Dear Mr. President:

I am deeply disturbed and disappointed to hear of your position on GEOs and that you have put pressure on Tony Blair to accept GEO crops against the wishes of much of the British public. I realize your administration has financial ties to Monsanto, and it is not news that, to a shocking extent, corporations "rule" the world, but it is always disheartening to see this in action, particularly on such a controversial issue, the potential ramifications of which could be devastating on environmental, health, and economic levels.

The American people have a right to know what's in the foods they are eating!!! At the very least, foods that contain GEOs should be clearly labeled. I find it ironic that an administration whose Vice President prides himself on environmental awareness could take such a stance on what may

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very well be the greatest environmental threat humanity has ever faced. Space does not permit me to detail the potential havoc that GEOs could wreak on the environment, but I'm sure the information is not unknown to you.

I urge you to review the facts of this matter, one of which is that all the facts are not in yet; we really do not know all the ramifications of this genetic technology and it is morally reprehensible that the American public should be used as guinea pigs!

One of the qualities I've admired in you is that, unlike certain others who've held your office, you seem to have a genuine heart and conscience. Mr. President, please search your heart and your conscience on this issue and do what's right, not for Monsanto, but for the American people. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

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